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RAMSTEIN FOR MENDELSON

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPECIAL SPC MEETING AFTERNOON APRIL 6

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1. AT A SPECIALLY CALLED SPC ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 6, FRG
REP INFORMED SPC THAT BONN COULD JOIN A CONSENSUS TO TABLE
THE NEW WESTERN INITIATIVE BEFORE THE END OF THE ROUND,IE
"AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2. BELGIAN REP TWITTED FRG FOR ONLY GOING ALONG WITH
"CONSENSUS" AND SUGGESTED THAT A MORE DEFINITE,
CLEAR CUT DECISION COULD HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED FROM THE
ORIGINATOR OF THE PROPOSAL. BELGIAN REP, HOWEVER,
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INDICATED THAT IN THE LIGHT OF CONSENSUS (AND ASSUMING
ITALIAN AGREEMENT), BELGIUM COULD ALSO ACCEDE.
TURKISH AND CANADIAN REPS ALSO JOINED CONSENSUS.

3. UNDER SOME PRESSURE, ITALIAN REP INDICATED THAT HE NOW
EXPECTED GUIDANCE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 7. OPERATING UNDER
THE IMPLIED ASSUMPTION OF A FAVORABLE ITALIAN REACTION,

SPC SUGGESTED APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE OF
GUIDANCE TRANSMITTING THE WESTERN INITIATIVE TO THE
AHG.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT GUIDANCE:

THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE TRANSMITTAL OF CM(77)96
(ANNEX I) AS CORRECTED BY THE CORRIGENDUM OF 6 DECEMBER
1977 TO THE AD HOC GROUP FOR USE WITH THE EAST.

END TEXT

5. IF THE ITALIANS AGREE WITH THE CONSENSUS, THE
SILENCE PROCEDURE WILL RUN FROM 1100 FRIDAY APRIL 7
UNTIL 1200 MONDAY APRIL 10. BENNETT

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